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- 1. DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS INDICATE THAT HOST GOVERNMENTS OF ADDRESSEE POSTS HAVE SIGNED BUT NOT RATIFIED THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION ("CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) WEAPONS AND ON THEIR DESTRUCTION"), WHICH ENTERED INTO FORCE ON MARCH 26, 1975.
- 2. THE UNITED STATES ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO THE COMPLETE PROHIBITION OF BIOLOGICAL AND TOXIN AGENTS AND WEAPONS

EMBODIED IN THE CONVENTION, INCLUDING ITS REQUIREMENT FOR DESTRUCTION OF EXISTING STOCKS. IT CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT THE CONVENTION ENJOY THE BROADEST POSSIBLE ADHERENCE BY STATES. ALREADY 70 STATES HAVE BECOME PARTIES.

- 3. DURING ITS 1976 SESSION THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY STRESSED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CONVENTION BY INVITING ALL STATES THAT HAVE NOT YET DONE SO TO BECOME PARTIES.
- 4. THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION BY HOST GOVERNMENTS WOULD REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARD ENSURING THAT BIOLOGICAL OR TOXIN WARFARE NEVER OCCURS.
- 5. IF YOU SEE NO PROBLEM IN DOING SO, YOU SHOULD APPROACH HOST GOVERNMENTS AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN NEAR FUTURE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ENCOURAGE RATIFICATION AND THEN REPORT REACTION. AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU MAY INDICATE THAT USG IS APPROACHING AS MANY STATES AS POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO BECOME PARTIES. (FYI: DEPARTMENT IS SENDING INSTRUCTIONS BY SEPTEL TO POSTS IN COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT SIGNED THE CONVENTION. END FYI.)

6. FOR ABU DHABI, DAMASCUS, RABAT AND S WA: FOLLOWING ARAB STATES ARE ALREADY PARTIES: JORDAN, KUWAIT, LEBANON, QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA AND TUNISIA. HARTMAN

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